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ARRANGEMENTS.

1. FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBERS WILL MEET
IN NEW DELHI MARCH 14-19.
2. AGENDA INCLUDES ITEM ON POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO
MONITORING THE INFORMAL INDICATIVE PRICE AND QUOTA

ARRANGEMENTS ON RAW FIBERS AND QUOTAS ON HARD FIBER
MANUFACTURES WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL
GROUP. FAO SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED REPORT DISCUSSING
ALTERNATIVES FOR INCREASING SURVEILLANCE BY THE GROUP
OVER THE OPERATION OF THESE QUOTAS AND PRICE TARGETS.
PAPER ALSO SPECULATES ON NEED FOR A INDICATIVE PRICE
ARRANGEMENT ON MANUFACTURERS, PARTICULARLY HARVEST (BALER)
TWINE.

3. US IS WORLD'S LARGEST SINGLE IMPORTER OF HARD FIBER
TWINE AND THUS HAS SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN ANY INTERNATIONAL
ACTIONS WHICH COULD AFFECT PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF THIS
PRODUCT. WE ARE ALSO CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS

UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES WITH HARD FIBER PRODUCING
COUNTRIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE WORLD TRADE IN HARD FIBER AND HARD FIBER
PRODUCTS. WE THEREFORE HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN
ATTITUDES OF HARD FIBER PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES
ON SUBJECT OF MONITORING INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT AND ON
OVERALL QUESTION OF INDICATIVE PRICES AND QUOTAS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS COULD SUPPLY
ON HOST GOVERNMENT POSITIONS FOR UPCOMING MEETING ON
SUBJECT OF MONITORING INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE
INFO REPLY TO ROME FOR FAO AFFAIRS ADVISOR AND TO
NEW DELHI FOR EMBASSY DELEGATE TO SUBJECT MEETING.
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